



#### ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## SELECTMEN, AUDITORS,

AND

## Superintending School Committee,

OF THE TOWN OF

# FREMONT N. H.

FOR THE

FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 1,

1875.

EXETER, N. H.:
NEWS-LETTER STEAM PRINTING ESTABLISHMENT.
1875.

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## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

THE SELECTMEN CHARGE THEMSELVES WITH THE FOLLOWING SUMS, TO-WIT:

#### RECEIVED. Balance in the Treasurer's hands 1874..... \$427 83 Cash borrowed of sundry persons..... 709 65 Bonds..... 1,600 00 Interest on State bonds....... 24 00 Of State Treasurer, Saving Bank Tax ..... 70 83 Railroad Tax..... 30 00 47 15 Literary fund..... County, for support of paupres..... 55 50 U. S. Bounty..... 32 00 Daniel W. Mace's tax, 1873..... 1 67 P. R. Currier, Sam'l Trickey's expenses to the county for ninety days....... 6 50 P. R. Currier, Joel Howard's expense to the County for ninety days..... 10 00 James Martin, collection of 1873..... 154 51 " 1874..... 3,345 16 \$6,514 80 PUBLIC TAXES. Paid State tax..... \$592 00 County tax..... 653 92 SCHOOL HOUSE TAX. Paid District No. 2.....

#### SCHOOLS. Paid District No. 1..... \$175 38 " 2..... 195 85 3..... 124 33 " 4..... 67 76 I. S. Tuck's heirs tax..... 5 12 \$568 44 NON-RESIDENT HIGHWAY LABOR. Paid District No. 1..... \$8 75 No. 2..... 2 73 No. 3..... 58 No. 4..... 1 84 No. 5..... No. 6..... 2 89 4 6 No. 7..... No. 8..... 4 60 No. 9..... 28 69 \$50 08 PAUPERS. Paid for support of John Marsh and wife ... \$17 00 " Joel Howard and wife ... 37 58 for medical aid for do..... 36 25 support of Thomas Hopkins' child ... 7 00 medical aid for do..... 1 50 support of Frances Bean..... 130 00 John F. Lyford, for boarding and care of Henry Leavitt during confinement with a broken leg..... 40 00 support of Henry Leavitt and family. 155 20 medical aid for do..... 49 00 support of Maggie French and family 119 00 " Samuel Trickey ...... 28 50 " Jeremiah Worthen ..... 9 69 for transient paupers..... 7 00 \$637 72 BREAKING ROADS IN WINTER OF 1873 AND 1874. HIGHWAY DISTRICT NO. 1.

Paid Stephen G. Sleeper.....

\$6 90

Paid Ira Hylan.	14 70	ALL BREET .
Josiah West	75	
John L. Fitts	1 95	
Samuel A. Smith	2 55	
John M. Fitts	2 55	
Washington Lyford	5 17	
Amos B. Dearborn	5 40	
Jeremiah Burley	1 50	
		\$41 47
DISTRICT NO. 2,		
Paid Josiah B. Robinson	\$4 80	
John F. Lvford	1 50	
Henry Lyford	2 10	
Perley Robinson	1 95	
-		10 35
DISTRICT NO. 3.		
Paid Horatio Beede	\$4 80	
Phineas Beede	9 00	
George F. Beede	6 00	
		\$19 80
DISTRICT NO. 4.		
Paid Charles Bean	\$3 00	
		\$3 00
DISTRICT NO. 5.		40 00
Paid Daniel Tilton	\$1 68	
Charles C. Brown	50	
Charles W. Bean	2 00	E 14 12 14 14 14 14 14 14 14 14 14 14 14 14 14
The County of th	THE RESERVE TO SERVE	\$4 18
DISTRICT NO. 8.		
Paid George W. Bassett	9 75	
The state of the s		\$ 75
DISTRICT NO. 9.	TO WEST	
Paid George L. Sanborn	\$1 20	
John H. Carr, 1872	8 00	
H. H. Wood, "	60	
Daniel C. Hooke	5 00	
Simon Foss	1 20	
Joseph A. Smith	45	
T. B. Smith.	45	
I. D. Suitu	49	

Paid Daniel J. Smith		30	
-	-	_ \$17	20
LAND DAMAGES FOR A NEW H	IGHWA	Y.	
Paid Jonathan Tuck's heirs	\$20 (	00	
Abraham F. Brown	25 (	00	
Isaac Brown	. 20 (	00	
Jeremiah Banfield	5 (	00	
John P. Smith	5 (	00	
Isaac B. Brown	50 (	00	
John Gordon	15 0	0	
B. S. Scribner, Guard. O. S. Scribner	1 (	00	
The second second		- \$141	00.
Paid sundry individuals' notes and interest			
amounting to		- \$2,521	50
ABATEMENTS.			
Paid James C. Robinson (over taxed)	\$1 8		
Charles G. Brown "	1.1	4	
Isaac Brown, 1873			
Ebenezer Bowley, 1873		6	
Eben K. Jenness "	7	2	
John Willey "		27	
O. W. Smith		57	
James H. Robinson "			
John A. Porter "			
Abraham F. Brown "			
Daniel Beede (over 70)			
Jeremiah Banfield, horse died			
Charles Bean " 1873			
John Smith 2d,			
David Sanborn, sheep killed by dogs			
Daniel S. Brown			
Charles E. Jones		33	
H. H. Wood (dog died)			
John F. Hartford			
John H. Hussey			
Freeman Follett			
Pat. O'Neal		4111	
Alfred Thorn, 1873 and 1874			
Charles Burley	1.6	7 0	

Prid James Robinson (over 70)	1 51	\$44 10
MISCELLANEOUS BILLS		Q11 10
Paid for preparing accounts for printing, the	THE HOW BUT	
year 1873	\$1 50	
printing town reports	25 00	
journey to Exeter to get them printed	2 00	
books and stationery	6 59	
postage and express	1 00	
distributing town reports	1 50	
George D. Foss, cleaning town house	2 00	
Jonathan French, depositing town bonds	1 00	
John Warren, labor on bridge 1873,	1 53	
Samuel A. Smith, labor on highway	2 00	
John Brown, for gravel on highway	10 00	
George Fellows, for setting a (line stone)		
boundry, between Brentwood and		
Fremont	75	
Samuel B. Gove, for examining line be-		
tween Raymond and Fremont	1 50	
expenses	1 00	
George D. Foss, labor on highway at the	The of	
depot	3 00	
Simon Foss, labor on highway at the de-		
pot	2 10	
Perley Robinson, taking deposition	25	
Jeremiah Burley, for 19 posts, 12 polls		
for railing the highway near railroad	4 37	
George Clement, labor setting said posts	TO THE PARTY	
&c	1 50	
George H. Floyd, labor setting said posts	STATE OF THE PARTY.	
&c	2 25	
spikes for said posts	40	
Horatio Beede and son, for 3150 ft. of		
timber for the Woodman causeway	31 50	
for labor on " " " "	3 00	
spikes	30	
Printing notices, certificates and school		
books for the town	2 50	

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Paid Jeremiah Banfield for one pair hand cuffs	4 50
George F. Beede, for surveying a new	
highway and making return the same	8 00
George H. Floyd, care of hearse	16 50
" " digging grave and mov-	
ing Mrs. Hopkins	2 00
Jeck York, labor on highway	3 00
D. C. Hooke, for horse hire and car fare	5 00
" labor on highway	2 00
J. A. Smith, for powder and drills	50
" labor on highway	4 00
George L. Sanborn, " "	1 65
C. W. Follett, labor on "	3 25
care of town house	50
Jonathan A. Robinson, 280 ft. O. Plank	5 60
" " 59 " Hemlock	
plank	.88
Horace H. Hooke, services as town clerk	10 00
Daniel C. Hooke, " Treasurer	10 00
Mrs. D. C. Hooke, " superin-	
tending school committee	12 00
Boardman Poor, for making two arrests	
in town	1 50
G. D. Foss, for breaking his plow in dis-	
trict No. 9	1 51
Robert S. French, keeping watering	
trough for public	2 00
moving seven rods of wall	7 00
James Martin, use watering trough for	111111
public	3 00
James Martin, services as collector	45 00
" collector's bills	1 50
Josiah B. Robinson, sheep killed by dogs	26 92
Amos B. Dearborn, " " "	2 08
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### SELECTMEN'S PERSONAL SERVICES.

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	como.
aid Daniel C. Hooke, two days taking inven-	
tory	4 50
Daniel C. Hooke, making assessment	
and preparing inventories	3 00
Daniel C. Hooke, one-half day with col-	
lector	75
Daniel C. Hooke, making taxes	<b>4</b> 50
" recording taxes	1 50
" preparing Collector's	
and Surveyor's books	2 00
Daniel C. Hooke, journey to Concord to	
pay State tax	1 50
Daniel C. Hooke, copying non-resident	
list	1 50
Daniel C. Hooke, two journeys to coun-	
ty farm	4 00
Daniel C. Hooke, three journeys to Ex-	
ter	6 00
Daniel C. Hooke, writing and posting	
warrants for a special meeting	1 00
Daniel C. Hooke, regulating juror list	50*
" enrolling militia	1 00
" pauper business	5 00
Daniel C. Hooke, perambulating line be-	
tween Raymond and Fremont	1 50
Daniel C. Hooke, perambulating line be-	
tween Sandown and Fremont	1 50
Daniel C. Hooke, perambulating line	
between Chester and Fremont	1 50
Daniel C. Hooke, attending two juror	1 00
meetings	1 00
Daniel C. Hooke, one day appointing	4 #0
town officers, &c	1 50
Daniel C. Hooke, notifying landholders	
and writing notices, &c, for a new	0.70
highway	3 50
Daniel C. Hooke, laying out said high-	0.00
way	6 00

Paid Daniel C. Hooke, preparing accounts		
for printing and recording the same.	2 00	
Daniel C. Hooke, one-half day with col-		
lector.	75	
Daniel C. Hooke, one day with the Au-	# FO	
ditors, &c	1 50	
Daniel C. Hooke, journey to Sandown.	1 00	
Daniel C. Hooke, writing and posting warrants and checklists for annual		
meeting	9.00	
meeting	2 00	#60 K <b>0</b>
Paid John L. Fitts, two days taking inventory	\$3 00	<b>\$</b> 60 <b>50</b>
John L. Fitts, pauper business	1 50	
John L. Fitts, two days on town busi-	1 00	
ness	3 00	
John L. Fitts, one day with Selectmen.	1 50	
" journey to Candia	1 50	
" regulating Juror box	75	
" " laying out new highway.	4 00	
- January		\$15 25
Paid Jonathan Tilton, 3 days taking inven-		4.0
tory	4 50	
Jonathan Tilton, attending two juror		
meetings	1 00	
Jonathan Tilton, making taxes	3 00	
" perambulating line be-		
tween Raymond and Fremont	1 50	
Jonathan Tilton, perambulating line be-		
tween Sandown and Fremont	1 50	
Jonathan Tilton, perambulating line be-		
tween Chester and Fremont	1 50	
	1 00	
Jonathan Tilton, correcting juror list	50	
" town business		
town business	50	
" town business	50 1 25 1 50	
town business town business laying out a new high-	50 1 25 1 50 4 50	
town business town business laying out a new high-	50 1 25 1 50	\$22 25

#### RECAPITULATION.

Whole amount of money received\$6,514 80
Expenditures:
Public taxes \$1,245 92
Schools 568 44
School house tax
Non-resident highway labor 50 08
Paupers
Breaking roads 96 75
Land damages for a new highway 141 00
Notes and interest 2,521 50
Abatements
Miscellaneous bills 288 43
Selectmen's services 98 00 5,746 94

Balance in Treasurer's hands,

\$767 86

DANIEL C. HOOKE, JOHN L. FITTS, JONATHAN TILTON, Fremont.

#### AUDITORS' REPORT.

The undersigned, Auditor, having examined the foregoing accounts of the Selectmen, are satisfied that they are correct, and report that from the books the present financial condition of the town appears to be as follows:

#### CLAIMS AGAINST THE TOWN.

#### FROM WHICH DEDUCT:

Balance in Treasurer's hands	\$767	86
Bounties due from U. S. Government	1,168	00

Due	mon	County for support of Laupers	OI	40		
66	6.6	Town of Sandown for support of				
		paupers	139	00		
66	66	James Martin's collection, 1874	- 127	30		
					\$2,253	41
Logs	vina a	deht of			\$1 206	27

GEORGE F. BEEDE | Auditor.

February 27, 1875.

#### REPORT

OF THE

## SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the Citizens of Fremont:

The most difficult and delicate duty imposed upon the Superintendent of Schools, is to attempt the preparation of a fair, full, comprehensive and yet concise statement of the schools under their charge, and to make such recommendations and suggestions as their experience and observation have shown to be applicable and desirable.

The present condition of our schools is not altogether such as it should be or such as the patrons have a reasonable right to expect. And yet the patrons themselves are not wholly free from fault. There is not one of them who would trust their property to the care of a stranger, no matter how well recommended without at least an occasional oversight. Yet their children, who are infinitely dearer to them than all their property, are sent day after day to school, without apparently an anxious thought being sent after them. Many parents excuse themselves from visiting the schools, on the plea that they have not time, but this excuse is self delusive. They have plenty of time for things of less importance. Others feel themselves incompetent to pass judgement upon schools and scholars, and hence they stay away. But this latter class often underrate their usefulness and capacity. They may not be competent to teach a school, (for very few people are) and yet they may be fully competent to

judge whether a school is well taught or illy taught. They may be good judges of human nature, and able to discern whether a teacher is industrious or lazy, whether they have a "faculty" for teaching or whether they have mistaken their calling. In fact judgment and common sense are often of more consequence than mere scholarship in deciding upon fitness of means to an end. Then too the suggestions of parents are often of great value. And their frequent presence in the school-room is an incentive to teachers and pupils that nothing else can supply.

Another reason why our schools are not better is irregularity of attendance. Going up stairs is a slow process if you slip down two steps every time you go up three. And getting an education is a slow and discouraging process, where a child is constantly forgetting knowledge formerly acquired, and at the same time love for school and the capacity for learning are gradually diminishing by reason of infrequent attendance. And the disappointed parent is ready to charge the failure upon the teachers or the schools, or in fact, upon anyone or anything but themselves. Children should be sent continuously and punctually to school. They need the discipline of the school room as much as they do the learning there acquired, for the full development of their faculties and character.

A third reason, why our schools do not come up to the mark of public expectation, is because the teachers are not all of them fully up to the performance of their duties. A lazy teacher, one whose heart is not in the work, who has not love for children, and no conscientious promptings to the performance of duty, who only teaches for the pay, is worse than an incompetent teacher whose heart is in the work. To teach successfully, requires more than learning, more than the performance of routine duties—the heart must work with the head. And yet to commence and retain the services of competent teachers we must pay the market value of such services. Good teachers are scarce and can always command a school where their labors are appreciated, and it is the drift wood that floats into cheap school districts.

Some of our teachers are excellent. They perform their duties well and acceptably, and your school superintendent is grieved, that she cannot apply this commendation to them all.

There are four schools in the town, the entire number of children enrolled is 124. The daily average attendance of the schools is 20.

#### DISTRICT NO. 1.

JOHN C. SANBORN, Prudential Committee.

Teacher, Miss Florence R. Goodwin of Kingston.

Amount of school money, \$175.38.

Summer Term, 11 weeks. Winter Term, 15 weeks. Enrolled scholars, 30. Daily average attendance, 20.

Miss Goodwin is very quiet in the school-room; between teacher and scholars appeared to be a good understanding, both working together and making a fair progress.

#### DISTRICT NO. 2.

FREEMAN W. FOLLETTE, Prudential Committee.

Teachers, Miss Sylvia W. Ladd of Epping—Miss Ariana S. Dudley of Exeter.

Amount of school money, \$195.85.

Summer Term, 11 weeks, Winter Term, 10 weeks. Enrolled scholars, 48. Average daily attendance, 33.

Miss Ladd's school in some respects was a failure. I feel that both teacher and scholars were glad when school closed. Miss Dudley's school began very fairly, but its closing examination showed a want of energy, and order always necessary in the school room to keep up the interest of the schoolars in the school work. I would suggest to the district, that the strong arm of a good male teacher, is much needed in this school.

#### DISTRICT NO. 3.

SAMUEL J. WILLEY, Prudential Committee.

Teacher, Miss Elizabeth B. Rowe of Brentwood.

Amount of school money, \$124.33.

Summer Term, 7 weeks. Winter Term, 12 weeks. Enrolled scholars, 32. Average attendance, 18.

Miss Rowe is one of our best teachers in her school, the heart and head work together, making the school room a happy place for children. Such teachers are scarce.

#### DISTRICT NO. 4.

#### G. L. SANBORN, Prudential Committee.

Teachers, Mrs. Augusta S. Doak, until her sickness, and then Miss Hattie M. Fellows of Brentwood.

Amount of school money, \$67.76.

Summer Term, 8 weeks. Winter Term, 6 weeks. Enrolled scholars. 14. Daily average attendance, 10.

The sickness of Mrs. Doak during the term of her engagement necessitated the employment of another teacher to finish the work commenced by her. The Superintendent had but one opportunity of visiting this school, prior to the sickness of that estimable lady, but the impression then received was highly creditable to the zeal and fidelity of the teacher. Miss Fellows did well for the school, fully sustained her former reputation as a teacher.

#### BUILDINGS.

The school buildings answer generally the purpose for which they are designed, and no expensive changes are at this time asked for. Yet some of the outbuildings are unworthy of the town and demoralizing to the schools, and the Superintendent earnestly begs the Prudential Committee to put them in proper order, and proper places, (put on locks, have the keys kept by the teachers). There are other small repairs which the same gentlemen will undoubtedly attend to.

#### MRS, DANIEL C. HOOKE,

Superintendent of Schools.

Fremont, N. H., February 25, 1875.

